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“CINCINNATI” LIGHTS UP INTERSTATE 75

After three years of construction and a \$13 million investment by the project partners, the neighborhoods of Bond Hill, Carthage, and Roselawn can celebrate the completion of the Paddock Road and Seymour Avenue improvements and construction of the new Paddock Road Gateway Bridge. Tonight, for the first time, the final piece of the project will be operational: the lighted letter spelling out “CINCINNATI” spanning the bridge over I-75.

The intersection improvements and new bridge will provide for better traffic flow with wider traffic and turn lanes to improve access between I-75 and the neighborhoods, increased business opportunities, and improved access to the developments taking place within these communities.

The City, OKI, and ODOT created an opportunity for a major statement as part of the City Gateway Program that could have been just another standard bridge.

“For several years City engineers diligently pursued the idea that this could be a gateway entrance to the City for travelers on I-75 and could help three neighborhoods with an attractive entrance to their communities,” said Eileen Enabnit, Director of Transportation and Engineering.

Interstate 75 is the most heavily trafficked highway in the region and provided the City and its funding partners with the opportunity to display the City’s heritage and character. The neo-art-deco inspired Paddock Road Gateway Bridge is reminiscent of some of the City’s major buildings and public institutions. The bridge features a bright “Cincinnati” on either side when lit up at night and a subtle arch shape enhancing the gateway concept. The “Cincinnati” lights will automatically turn on at dusk and off at sunrise daily.

The improvements will make for easier access to the neighborhood of Carthage and recently developed Carthage Mills, a fifty-unit, single-family owner-occupied residential community. Carthage Community Council president, Robert Hartlaub Jr., feels the improvements have made life easier in terms of access and traffic flow.

“It is the major entrance to Carthage,” said Hartlaub. “Everyone in Carthage is excited about it. It looks nice, and the community is even going to use an image of the bridge as a logo for their information.”

The new bridge provides an aesthetically pleasing and functional entrance into the Bond Hill neighborhood and the proposed development of “The Villages of Daybreak,” where 300 new owner-occupied houses are to be built.

“There is no longer a log jam of traffic, and an element of safety for vehicles and pedestrians has been added,” said Aaron Fairbanks, president of the Bond Hill Community Council. “The bridge and roadway improvements are a great idea that are long overdue.”

Paul Probst, President of the Roselawn Community Council, is thankful and very appreciative of the new infrastructure improvements and the widened lanes.

“Paddock and Summit Roads are two of the major entry corridors to Roselawn and the new improvements make access much easier,” said Probst.

TechSolve, Inc., the technology park that is a partnership between the University of Cincinnati, The Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Cincinnati, is one of the many businesses to benefit from intersection improvements by reducing congestion.

“The Gateway is certainly a more beautiful front door which will help to accelerate the development of TechSolve,” said Gary Conley, President.

The design team consisted of KZF Incorporated, for architecture and engineering, and Bentley/Koepke, for landscape architecture. The contractor was Complete General Construction, of Columbus, Ohio. The project was sponsored and managed by the City of Cincinnati’s Department of Transportation and Engineering, Eileen Enabnit, Director. OKI, ODOT, the Ohio Public Works Commission, Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati provided funding.

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Paddock Road and Seymour Avenue
“Before Picture”



Paddock Road and Seymour Avenue
“After Picture”

